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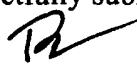
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Category	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	EP 0 382 340 A (ZIMPRO PASSAVANT INC) 16 August 1990 (1990-08-16)	1,2,5,6
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